

REMARKS

This amendment is presented in response to the office action mailed 8-7-2006. Although these amendments are being submitted after final rejection, they should nonetheless be entered into the record because the enclosed papers
5 include a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

New claims 30-32 have been added. Claims 1-32 are now in the application.

HILTON DAVIS / FESTO STATEMENT

10 The claim amendments were not made for any reason related to the rejections made in the pending office action. The claims (before amendment) were already patentable over the applied art for reasons stated in Applicant's previous response. In this regard, Applicant's prior arguments are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety.

15 Nonetheless, certain changes have been implemented to clarify the statement of invention, improve clarity, make explicit what was already implicit in the claims, and perfect the claims in the event of later appeal. In addition, certain aspects of the claims were broadened.

20 NO NEW MATTER

No new matter has been added by this paper. The claim amendments and new claims enjoy abundant support in the originally-filed specification and drawings.

25 CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, all pending claims in the application are patentable over the applied art. Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of all claims in the application.

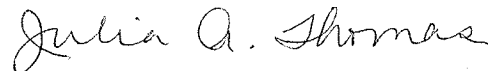
30

FEES

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$550.00 for the extra claims and any other fees that may be due and to credit any overpayments to Deposit

5 Account No. 07-1445, Glenn Patent Group.

Respectfully Submitted,



10

Julia A. Thomas
Reg. No. 52,283
USPTO Customer 22,862